

\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETING \*\*\*

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JULY 18, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

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The City Council Committee Of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in special session Monday, July 18, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Heather Stevenson (Chair); Brandon Bowersox; Robert E. Lewis; Diane W. Marlin; Dennis Roberts; Charlie Smyth; Laurel Lunt Prussing; Phyllis Clark

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** Eric Jakobsson

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Curtis Borman; Mike Monson; Patrick Connolly; Michael Dilley; William Gray; John Schneider; Thomas Carrino

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karen Aram; John Kenealy; Austin McCann; Yael Beretta; Dorothy Palmer; Tracey Clayton; Justine Schoeplein; Germaine Light; Neil Parthun; Durl Kruse; Danielle Chynoweth; Belden Fields; Mark Enslin; Abby Harmon; Josh Schwenk; Leighton Christiansen; Rohn Koester; Martel Miller; Esther Patt; Morton Brussel; Members of the Media

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Stevenson called the special meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 9:49 p.m. *[Meeting starting at this time due to regular Council meeting held prior.]*

2. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people did not choose to address the Committee, but submitted public input cards indicating their opposition to the proposed ordinance regarding panhandling:

Karen Aram; John Kenealy; Austin McCann; and Yael Beretta

The following people did not speak, but submitted public input cards indicating their support for the proposed ordinance regarding panhandling:

Dorothy Palmer; and Tracey Clayton

Justine Schoeplein addressed the Committee expressing her support for the proposed ordinance regarding panhandling.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed ordinance regarding panhandling:

Germaine Light, representing Central Illinois Jobs with Justice; Neil Parthun; Durl Kruse; Danielle Chynoweth; Belden Fields; Mark Enslin; Abby Harmon; Josh Schwenk; Leighton Christiansen; Rohn Koester; and Martel Miller

The following people submitted public input cards in opposition to the ordinance regarding panhandling, but were not present to address the Committee at the time their names were called:

Esther Patt; and Morton Brussel

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-07-080: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER FIFTEEN (ADDITION OF SECTION 15-68, REGARDING PANHANDLING)**

Following lengthy public input and debate, it was the consensus of Committee Members that more research was needed on this issue and that the proposed ordinance did not provide a satisfactory solution.

Mr. Roberts made a motion that this item remain in Committee until a satisfactory solution is found. Ms Marlin seconded. Mr. Smyth suggested that prior to this coming back to Committee investigation be made on aggressive solicitation or aggressive panhandling.

The motion to keep this item in Committee carried by a voice vote.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.